



2ND MEETING

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 26TH, 2010 AT 1:00 PM

GEORGIADIS HALL

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Parham Road Campus
Richmond, VA**

Commission Members Present:

Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling, Co-Chair and Chief Jobs Creation Officer
Bob Sledd, Co-Chair and Senior Economic Advisor to the Governor

The Honorable Jim Cheng, Secretary of Commerce and Trade
The Honorable Todd Haymore, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
The Honorable Gerard Robinson, Secretary of Education

Delegate Kathy Byron
Delegate Barbara Comstock
Delegate Matthew James
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Delegate Danny Marshall
Donald Banker, Citizen Member
Steve Baril, Citizen Member
John Biagas, Citizen Member
Thomas Brock, Citizen Member
Mel Chaskin, Citizen Member
Christine Chmura, Citizen Member
James Dyke, Citizen Member
Joe Funkhouser, Citizen Member
Lisa Gable, Citizen Member
Anne Gavin, Citizen Member
Tom Godfrey, Citizen Member
Julia Hammond, Citizen Member
Ann Heidig, Citizen Member
Mark Herzog, Citizen Member
Donna Johnson, Citizen Member

Kenneth Johnson, Citizen Member
Pat Jones, Citizen Member
Quintin Kendall, Citizen Member
Andrea Kilmer, Citizen Member
John Langlois, Citizen Member
Bob Leber, Citizen Member
Chris Lloyd, Citizen Member
Frank Longaker, Citizen Member
John Luke, Citizen Member
Mike Melo, Citizen Member
Caren Merrick, Citizen Member
Harold Pyon, Citizen Member
Mike Quillen, Citizen Member
Daphne Reid, Citizen Member
Brenda Robinson, Citizen Member
Sudhakar Shenoy, Citizen Member
Bob Skunda, Citizen Member
Fred Thompson, Citizen Member
Bruce Thompson, Citizen Member
Brett Vassey, Citizen Member

I. Call to Order

Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling called to order the 2nd meeting of the Governor's Commission on Economic Development & Job Creation at 1:10 PM in the Gallery Room of Georgiadis Hall at the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Parham Road Campus.

II. Dr. Gary Rhodes

Dr. Gary Rhodes, President of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College welcomed the Commission members to the campus and spoke on the importance of workforce development in economic development and job creation.

III. Governor Robert F. McDonnell

Governor McDonnell gave remarks on the goals of the Commission, the economic development and job creation efforts of the Administration, and the amount of work left to be done. The Governor thanked the members of the Commission for their efforts and reiterated the importance of their work.

IV. Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling

Lieutenant Governor Bolling gave remarks on the McDonnell/Bolling Jobs and Opportunity Agenda and the Administration's business recruitment efforts, and gave a review of the current jobs numbers and unemployment rates.

V. Senior Economic Advisor Bob Sledd

Bob Sledd spoke briefly on the purpose of the meeting and opened the meeting up for presentations from each subgroup chair.

VI. Subgroup Interim Report Presentations

Each subgroup gave a report on their interim findings, research, and recommendations. The following chairs gave presentations on behalf of their subgroup:

1. Bob Leber, Workforce Development
2. Steve Baril, Business Recruitment and Development
3. Mike Melo, Energy
4. Del. Terry Kilgore, Economically Distressed Areas
5. John Luke, Manufacturing
6. John Biagas, Small Business
7. Anne Gavin, Technology
8. Bruce Thompson, Tourism

VII. Next Steps

Lieutenant Governor Bolling reviewed the next steps of the Commission members, and stressed the need to narrow down and focus their recommendations.

VIII. Minutes

Minutes from the 1st full Commission meeting were voted on and adopted.

IX. Comment

The meeting was opened up to comments from the members. Secretary Robinson reiterated the importance of higher education and K-12 education in job creation; Daphne Reid suggested we consider Virginia State University when discussing higher education throughout the Commonwealth; Tom Brock encouraged members to think about the short term need for jobs, and the long term need for sustainable funding and promotion of economic development; James Dyke suggested a re-examination of outdated tax credits and spoke on the need for Workforce Development to be consolidated under one department; Bruce Thompson spoke on transportation and mass transit issues as it relates to tourism.

X. Breakout

The Commission members then broke into subgroups for further discussion.